GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2153
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SMUGGLING AND NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether smuggling and narcotic activities have increased during the last few years in Orissa;

(b) if so, the number of seizures made and contraband confiscated by D.R.I. during the last two years; and

(c) the steps proposed by the Government to tackle smuggling activities in Orissa?

Answer

The Minister of Finance (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a): No, Sir.
(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above. No seizure has been effected by DRI in Orissa since 1997-98 till date.
(c): All field formations under the Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are alert and vigilant to thwart any attempts of smuggling all over the country, including Orissa.